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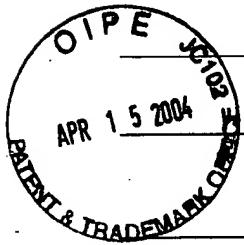
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Our Case No. 10466-122

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Baker et al.

Serial No. 09/944,413

Filing Date: 8/30/2001

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HEMOGLOBIN INDUCING
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.